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It is still a long way for the Germans to the English channel.

A few more jobs hung on him and McAdoo will be entirely concealed from public view.

To be real kind to the battling hosts of the allies, nature might give us an early planting season, free from frosts.

Our greatest development in war aviation seems to be the words "gravelly disappointing." It has been so ever since the United States went to war.

The Canadians will not give up Vimy ridge without a fight—that seems sure. The place was won at too great cost to relinquish it without a struggle.

The next week's report on submarine toll of British shipping will tell much of the story whether the fangs of the submarine peril are being withdrawn.

Now that Russia renounces she has been stripped of territory occupied by 32 per cent of her population she probably has come to the conclusion that German peace meant pieces merely.

A man named La Follette could do much to rehabilitate himself in the favor of Americans if he should at this time come out wholeheartedly and flat-footedly in support of the United States government. It might cost him some votes in Wisconsin but it would prove a blessing to him otherwise.

Major General Leonard A. Wood has finally been assigned to a division of the United States army; but even that assignment does not clear up the whole mystery about this officer, one who was sent to the western front, presumably on some special mission, who was wounded by a splinter from a shell while there, who was returned to the United States and who has been beating about from pillar to post ever since his return. If Major General Wood is such a capable officer as all his friends profess to believe, it would seem that he ought to have been placed before this time.

The slowing up of the German advance into Russian territory is explained, not by Germany's adherence to any peace terms made with the Bolsheviks, but by the offensive now being conducted by the Germans on the western front. In order to carry on that offensive the German general staff could not at the same time continue to invade Russia with any sizeable army. So the work in Russia was largely left to Austria and the German soldiers were largely sent to the western front. Moreover, Austria is not eager for the work of carrying warfare into Russia. That probably explains why the Bolsheviks in Russia are immune from interference at the present time.

There should be little doubt at the present time that the British and the French have been obliged to call upon their reserves to a considerable extent to oppose the tremendous thrusts of the Germans at many points on the battle front; and it seems certain that the "army of maneuver," which was said to be in training for a strong blow should the battle come to open warfare, has been depleted more or less in order to make good the losses sustained by the men in the actual fighting line. This drain must be taken into consideration when we contemplate what counter strokes the allies may institute at some suspicious moment. It is not to be expected that the allies have used all their reserves, the Americans for instance, so the situation is not as black as it might seem at first glance.

STRENGTHENING OUR SEA DEFENSES.

The action of the United States in building a naval base on an island of the Azores group will no doubt give Germany fresh cause for protestation that the purpose of the United States in entering the war was to advance her own interests in the world affairs and gain a hold in Europe; yet the verdict of history will be that the United States had nothing of that in view by entering the war. The building of a naval base on the Azore islands is simply a means to the end of defeating Germany and probably does not mean any permanent arrangement. Moreover, the occupation of a small piece of land for a naval base is done with the consent and complete willingness of the owner of the islands, which is Portugal. The United States is not over-riding a weak nation just for the purposes of expediency in war; but it is working in conjunction with a weak nation to prevent that nation from being over-ridden by Germany. It is worth remembering by the American people that Portugal is not being coerced into permitting such an arrangement but is working as a partner in the move. The Azores as a naval base for the United States furnish an excellent vantage point for the country which is to swing the balance of war in favor of Portugal and the other countries of western Europe. The islands are located approximately less than a thousand miles from the European mainland and on the direct route

from New York to the Mediterranean sea. As such the location can serve most usefully as a rendezvous for the American fleet on the eastern side of the Atlantic ocean, thus eliminating one of the great handicaps of waging naval warfare 3,000 miles from the home bases. The stroke by which Portugal grants the concession to the United States is an excellent maneuver by the allies.

THE GERMAN WASTAGE OF AMMUNITION.

The duration of the present offensive by the Germans will depend largely upon the condition of their munitions supplies as well as upon the supply of human material. It is certain that both of those supplies have been considerably exhausted through more than three weeks of intense campaigning; and the means for making good that exhaustion are nowhere near as good now as they were two years ago, although it is probable that labor has been introduced from some captured countries in order to release Germans for field service or for labor in munitions plants. No amount of hoarding possible during a period of war would permit Germany or any other nation to continue for a great length of time such a tremendous waste of munitions as has accompanied the present offensive. Not only have the big guns been barking on the 50-mile front where the Picardy battle started but they have been booming on the entire line from the North sea to the Alps; and it is the interim they burst forth in intense concentration of fire in the British sector just south of Ypres. Germany cannot keep up that expenditure of ammunition indefinitely even though, as it is probable, Austria and Bulgaria are doing their best to supplement the output of the German munitions plants. If the allies resist tenaciously and strike back now and then the Germans must perforce cease a large percentage of this hammering through sheer lack of materials to carry on the work.

THE AMERICAN MORALE.

In all their scrimmages with the Germans the American soldiers have shown an eagerness for the fray that speaks well for their spirit and their fighting morale. They not only have been ready to meet the enemy, once they became accustomed to the ways of the Germans, but they have been somewhat over-anxious, which in trench warfare is not considered good tactics. But that is a minor fault which can be, and undoubtedly has been, polished off under the influence of experience and the instructions of our own officers and the officers of our allies; and the men, while still eager to get at the foe, have held themselves in more restraint and have not sustained such great casualties as they otherwise would have sustained. Moreover, the men seem to be imbued with the single purpose of staying on the job until their work is completed, such complete work being the elimination of the Prussian menace from the world. All this augurs well for the success of American arms when our full strength is brought to bear. No single race or nationality has a corner on all the fighting ability in the world, and we expect to see the Americans show their full share of that ability when the opportunity comes. The career of the Canadian regiments, which are made up in large measure of Americans, lends strength to that expectation.

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The members of the men's chorus are asked to meet in the Methodist vestry at 7 o'clock Sunday evening to look over music for the service.

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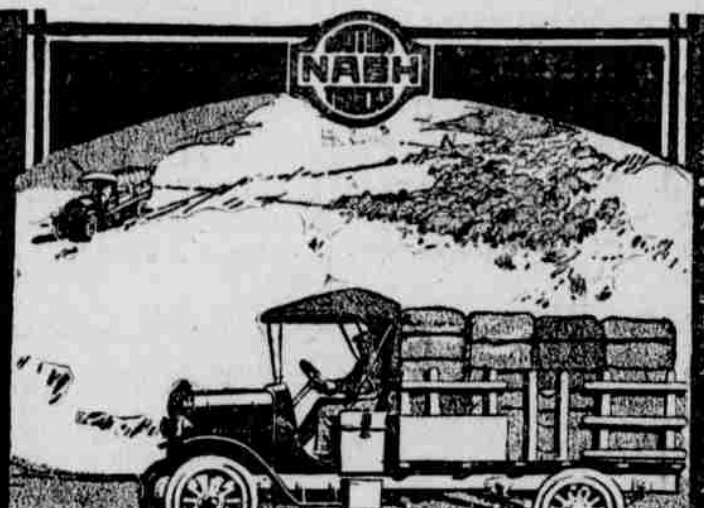
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